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### Memorial Day Weekend DUII Enforcements

Beginning Saturday, May 28, 2011 through Monday, May 30, 2011, the Beaverton Police Department will be targeting both aggressive driving and impaired drivers. Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or impaired includes not only alcohol, but any intoxicant, narcotic drug, or other drug producing central nervous system effects -- including prescription drugs.

In addition to the extra DUII patrols, Beaverton police officers will be focusing their efforts on driver safety by addressing seatbelt and speed violations as they continue with the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign, May 23 - June 5.

Here are a few reminders for safe holiday travels:

- Fatigued drivers are more frequent during holiday weekends. Be patient and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Be attentive to the roadway and your surroundings.
- Share the road. Don't tailgate and check your mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes.
- Always use safety restraints and child safety seats correctly. Visit <http://www.childsafetyseat.org> for free safety seat clinics and proper buckling tips.
- MOVE OVER if you are approaching any type of emergency vehicle, tow trucks or roadside assistance vehicles.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Report drunk drivers immediately by calling 911.

Remember, if you know someone who is about to drive impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they're going safely. Oregon crash data shows that almost half of our state's unbuckled fatalities are persons having measurable blood alcohol content.

We urge everyone traveling this holiday weekend to buckle up and have a rested, alert, and sober driver operating every vehicle.

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